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Inventory No:	EAS.21
Historic Name:	
Common Name:	
Address:	1705 State Hwy
City/Town:	Eastham
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	18-309A
Year Constructed:	c 1840
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	No style
Use(s):	Agricultural; Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Agriculture; Architecture
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood Shingle; Wood Foundation: Brick; Concrete Cinderblock



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FORM B - BUILDING

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Assessor's
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Area(s)

Form Number

21

Town

Eastham

(neighborhood or village)

s 1705 State Highway

ic Name

Present Residential

Original "

f Construction Pre-1858
Possibly Pre-1842

See Bibliography*

Form Cape

ect/Builder

Material:

Foundation Brick and Rock-faced
Concrete Block (rear ell)

Wall/Trim Shingles

Roof Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures
Free-standing Garage; Free-standing Shed

Major Alterations (with dates)
See Architectural Description.

Condition Good

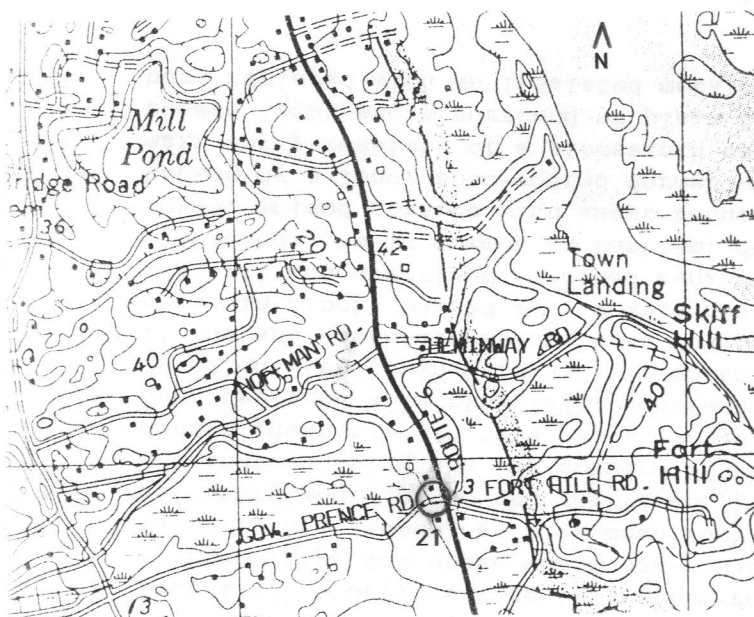
Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage .69 acres

Setting Located at the corner of Governor
Prence Road in a densely-settled, mixed-
use, but largely residential section of
Route 6, the major, Cape Cod,
inter-community thoroughfare, the former
county road and a continuation of the
original Old King's Highway.



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BUILDING FORM

1705 State Highway

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

This 1 1/2-story, rectangular, gable-roofed, 3 x 2-bay dwelling appears to be a common Cape Cod House whose entry was relocated to address Route 6. The original facade has also been lost and the main block has been expanded by a 1-story addition to the rear (west), but the surviving, small, window openings lighting the low corners of the second story betray its former identity. In this case, the typical, fixed-sash in this location has been replaced with tiny, 2/2, double-hung sash windows. Fenestration is detailed with plain trim and varies to include 2/1, double-hung sash on the facade and south elevation; 6/6, double-hung sash on the north elevation of the main block; paired 2/1, double-hung sash on the north elevation of the rear ell and oversized combined awning and fixed sash windows on the south elevation. As is common to Eastham, detail is limited to end boards and boxed, molded cornice with short return. The south slope of the roof is broken by a long, shed-roofed dormer with 6/1, double-hung sash. The present, main entry consists of a nineteenth century, wood-panel, cottage door with square light and a surround of plain trim with drip mold. The rear entry has been replaced with an insulated metal door.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE X See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

The chain of title for this property has not been entirely clarified in the file at the Eastham Historical Society Archives. Evidence indicates ownership was tied to the adjacent holding at 1775 State Highway and to additional property across the street and the interrelationship of the Mayo, Smith and Rich Families.

In 1837, Samuel Smith bequeath \$200 to his sister Polly along with the use and improvement of his homestead for 6 months after his death. To his 4 sisters Sarah Smith, Polly Smith, Thankful Smith (later Thankful Smith Rich) and Bathsheba Smith Mayo (wife of Freeman Doane Mayo, who lived next door at 1775 State Highway), he willed all his real estate.

In 1842, unmarried Sarah Smith paid \$2,500 for nearly 34 acres of land, including upland and swamp, along with full interest in a house and other buildings on a 3 acre lot on the east side of County Road. Also included was 1/2 interest in a house and orchard on a .25 acre lot on the west side of County Road and 1/3 interest in a barn on a 2 acre lot east of the house as well as 14 "tons" of various meadow from her sister, Bathsheba Smith Mayo, and brother-in-law, Freeman D. Mayo who lived next door at 1775 State Highway. The deed included the stipulation that the property would revert to Freeman Mayo if he paid Sally Smith \$2,800 with interest within 7 years.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES X See continuation sheet.

 Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;
If checked, see attached National Register Criteria Statement form.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (continued)

Record of what became of the debt is not included in the file, but in her will dated 1873, Sarah Smith bequeath to her "adopted daughter" (and niece), Sarah S. Mayo, the real property on the east side of County Road which she owned in undivided interest with her sister, Thankful S. Rich, wife of Captain Henry Rich. In addition, Sarah Smith also consigned to her sister Thankful and adopted daughter, Sarah S. Mayo, all her real estate on the west side of the road including land, dwelling, outhouses, tress and peat swamp which she also owned jointly with her sister, Thankful Rich. Commensurate with these documents, the 1858 map of Eastham shows "Mrs." S. Smith at this site. In 1880, it is attributed to Mrs. Rich.

The final disposition of the property from these various estates remains unclear and requires additional vital record, probate and title research. Sarah S. Mayo did not die until 1912 and the will of her brother, Joseph Freeman Mayo, who lived next door at 1775 State Highway suggests she lived there in her final years. Notes in the file indicate Sarah Mayo sold a house with 2 acres of land to her sister, Mary T. Mayo Cutler (b. 1833, wife of Alexander Cutler) on a date variously noted in the file as September 9, 1883 and 1893. Mary Cutler sold this property to Joseph Souza who is listed in the 1901 directory as a farmer.

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